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For: Use of polymers comprising thermoplastic polymers as filtration aids and/or stabilising agent

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Sir:

This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted with an RCE.

LISTING OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

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